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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 1662

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, GH, AFSP, APOU

SUBJECT: CLOSING OF ACCRA AIRPORT AND POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF  
TRAFFIC TO LOME: IS PANAM READY TO TALK TO TOGO?

REF: ACCRA 4678

1. REF INDICATES THAT ACCRA'S KOTOKA AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED TO  
ALL AIR TRAFFIC FROM JULY 11-21 AND THAT GOG REPORTEDLY  
CONSIDERING DIVERTING TRAFFIC TO LOME.

2. ARRIVAL OF PANAM FLIGHTS WOULD BE WELCOME IN TOGO BUT  
TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO MAKE THE POINT STRONGLY WITH ANY  
TEMPORARY LOCAL PANAM REP THAT GOT HAD REPEATEDLY ASKED PANAM  
REP IN ABIDJAN TO COME TO TOGO IN ORDER TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY  
LOME MIGHT BE SERVICED BY THE AIRLINE. LOCAL CIVIL AVIATION  
OFFICIALS HAVE NOTED WITH SOME ASPERITY THAT ABIDJAN PANAM  
REPS PROMISED TO COME IN JANUARY 1976, DECEMBER 1976, AND  
JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1977 AND HAS BROKEN FIRM  
APPOINTMENTS WITH TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES EACH TIME.

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3. DISAPPOINTMENT OF GOT AT PANAM'S LACK OF RESPONSE WAS  
REITERATED RECENTLY TO ECON OFFICER BY DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION.  
LATTER MADE THE POINT THAT ORIGINAL DECISION PANAM TO LAND  
AT COTONOU VICE LOME WAS MADE BEFORE LOME AIRPORT WAS  
EXTENDED AND BEFORE LOME INSTALLED LATEST NAVAIDS. CIVIL  
AVIATION DIRECTOR HINTED THAT TRAFFIC POSSIBILITIES IN LOME

MIGHT BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ATTRACTIVE TO PANAM NOW AS RESULT  
POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES COTONOU AND GROWTH ECOWAS, ETC. THUS,  
IN THE EVENT ACCRA TRAFFIC INCLUDING PANAM DIVERTED LOME,  
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO NEW YORK OFFICE OF PANAM, THAT  
PANAM COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO SEND REP TO LOME AND  
DISCUSS CIVIL AVIATION OUTLOOK THIS REGION WITH TOGOLESE  
AUTHORITIES.

4. FYI MIN OF PLAN DOGO RECENTLY QUESTIONED AMBASSADOR ABOUT  
APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS PANAM TO TALK TO GOT AUTHORITIES AND  
ASKED WHY THIS WAS SO. AMBASSADOR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW.  
END FYI.  
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